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Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Office Action (paper no. 11) mailed on October 23, 2001 for the above-noted application. This Office Action, in the form of a restriction requirement and an election of species requirement, set a one-month period for response. Accordingly, this Reply is submitted on or before its due date of November 23, 2001.

In Reply to this Office Action, consideration of the following remarks is earnestly solicited.

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered in view of the following remarks.